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June 1 Potato Stocks

North Dakota

North Dakota growers, dealers and processors held 1.40 million hundredweight (cwt) of potatoes in storage June 1, 2010, down 36 percent from a year ago and 50 percent below June 1, 2008. This is according to the USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Service, North Dakota Field Office. Current stocks represent 7 percent of production, down from 10 percent last year, and 12 percent two years ago. Total stocks are defined as all potatoes on hand, regardless of use, including those that will be lost through future shrinkage and dumping.

Disappearance from the start of harvest to June 1 totaled 17.7 million cwt, down from 20.5 million cwt a year ago and 20.9 million cwt two years ago. April disappearance totaled 1.40 million cwt, down from 2.00 million cwt a year ago but the same as two years ago.

United States

The 13 major potato States held 51.3 million cwt of potatoes in storage June 1, 2010, up 13 percent from a year ago. Potatoes in storage accounted for 13 percent of the 2009 fall storage States' production, one percentage point above June 1, 2009. Potato disappearance, at 333 million cwt, was 2 percent above June 1, 2009. Season-to-date shrink and loss, at 28.5 million cwt, was up 20 percent from the same date in 2009. Processors in the 9 major States have used 160 million cwt of potatoes this season, down 5 percent from the same period last year. Dehydrating usage accounted for 29.9 million cwt of the total processing, down 6 percent from last year.

Fall Potatoes: Production and Stocks
13 Major States and United States, June 1, 2009-2010

State	Crop of 2008		Crop of 2009		
	Production	Stocks June 1, 2009	Production	Stocks	
				May 1, 2010	June 1, 2010
	1,000 Cwt	1,000 Cwt	1,000 Cwt	1,000 Cwt	1,000 Cwt
North Dakota	22,680	2,200	19,125	2,800	1,400
California	3,948	400	4,158	600	400
Colorado	21,907	3,800	22,080	4,900	3,000
Idaho	116,475	21,000	131,000	36,500	23,000
Maine	14,769	2,200	15,263	3,900	2,200
Michigan	14,875	²	15,660	²	²
Minnesota	20,400	2,900	20,700	4,900	3,200
Montana	3,465	²	3,347	600	²
Nebraska	8,245	²	8,756	1,100	²
New York	5,696	²	4,950	²	²
Oregon	18,676	3,400	21,460	5,300	2,800
Washington ¹	93,000	8,300	88,450	21,000	12,700
Wisconsin	25,730	300	28,980	4,900	2,000
Other States ¹		800		430	600
13 State Total ¹	369,866	45,300	383,929	86,930	51,300

¹ May 1, 2010 revised.

² Combined into "Other States" to avoid disclosure of individual operations.